

DECLARATION PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I, the below named inventor, am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application on the invention entitled "Apparatus and Method For Facilitating Handling Pipe", filed 6 June 2005 bearing U.S. Serial No. 10/537,638. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C., Section 119(a)-(d), Section 120, or Section 365(b) of any foreign application for patent, or Section 365(a) or 365 (c) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below:

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/807,641 filed 23 March 2004
U.S. Application Serial No. 10/734,923 filed 12 December 2003
U.S. Application Serial No. 60/567,236 filed 05/01/2004
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and, insofar as any subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in these prior Applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 01.56(a) which occurred between the filing dates of said prior Great Britain U.K. applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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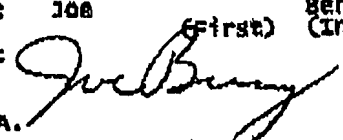
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